

MINUTES OF THE  
MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
June 10, 2015  
MAG Office, Saguaro Room  
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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| Christopher Brady, Mesa, Chair              | # Gregory Rose, City of Maricopa           |
| Darryl H. Crossman, Litchfield Park,        | Dawn Marie Buckland for Kevin Burke,       |
| Vice Chair                                  | Paradise Valley                            |
| # Matt Busby for George Hoffman, Apache     | Carl Swenson, Peoria                       |
| Junction                                    | Ed Zuercher, Phoenix                       |
| David Fitzhugh, Avondale                    | # Louis Andersen for Greg Stanley, Pinal   |
| George Diaz for Stephen Cleveland, Buckeye  | County                                     |
| * Gary Neiss, Carefree                      | # Tracy Corman for John Kross,             |
| * Peter Jankowski, Cave Creek               | Queen Creek                                |
| Marsha Reed, Chandler                       | * Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima-Maricopa   |
| Amber Wakeman for Dr. Spencer Isom,         | Indian Community                           |
| El Mirage                                   | Brad Lundahl for Fritz Behring, Scottsdale |
| * Charles Montoya, Florence                 | Rick Buss for Bob Wingenroth, Surprise     |
| Alfonso Rodriguez for Phil Dorchester, Fort | Andrew Ching, Tempe                        |
| McDowell Yavapai Nation                     | Reyes Medrano, Tolleson                    |
| Grady Miller for Ken Buchanan,              | Joshua Wright, Wickenburg                  |
| Fountain Hills                              | * Jeanne Blackman, Youngtown               |
| * Ernest Rubi, Gila Bend                    | Sintra Hoffman for John Halikowski,        |
| * Tina Notah, Gila River Indian Community   | ADOT                                       |
| Patrick Banger, Gilbert                     | Joy Rich for Tom Manos, Maricopa           |
| Brent Stoddard for Dick Bowers, Glendale    | County                                     |
| Brian Dalke, Goodyear                       | John Farry for Steve Banta, Valley         |
| * Rosemary Arellano, Guadalupe              | Metro/RPTA                                 |
- \* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.  
# Participated by telephone conference call.      + Participated by videoconference call.

1.    Call to Order

The meeting of the MAG Management Committee was called to order by Chair Chris Brady, Mesa, at 12:01 p.m.

2.    Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Louis Anderson, Mr. Matt Busby, Ms. Tracy Corman, and Mr. Gregory Rose joined the meeting via teleconference.

Chair Brady introduced Ms. Marsha Reed, who was named Chandler's Acting City Manager upon the retirement of Mr. Rich Dlugas.

Chair Brady announced that public comment cards were available to members of the public who wish to comment on items for action or under MAG's jurisdiction.

Chair Brady stated that parking validation was available for those who parked in the MAG parking garage and transit tickets were available for those who purchased transit tickets to come to the meeting. Hearing assisted devices were available from MAG staff.

Chair Brady stated that Mr. Ken Buchanan is retiring at the end of this month. He said that a Resolution of Appreciation had been prepared in recognition of Mr. Buchanan's 40 years of public service. Chair Brady noted that Mr. Buchanan could not be at the meeting today, and he presented the Resolution to Mr. Grady Miller on Mr. Buchanan's behalf.

Mr. Miller expressed that Mr. Buchanan would appreciate the Resolution.

### 3. Call to the Audience

Chair Brady stated that Call to the Audience provides an opportunity to the public to address the Management Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard. Public comments have a three minute time limit. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the committee requests an exception to this limit.

Chair Brady recognized public comment from Mr. Pat Vint, who stated that he gets a better reception at MAG than at the City of Phoenix. He said has been asked to speak on topic at MAG, but all cities and towns are MAG members. Mr. Vint stated that he received a copy of MAG's audit after the same meeting at which he requested it, but has not received a copy of the City of Phoenix audit. Mr. Vint stated that there were concerns with MAG's audit and he thought MAG should study and correct the concerns. He remarked that you would think citizens have rights. Mr. Vint explained that he, Ms. Barker, and Mr. Rusinek met with City of Phoenix staff and requested answers to their questions. Mr. Vint stated that he arrived in the Valley in 1952 after serving in the U. S. military in Korea. He has been in business since 1956 and pays taxes. Mr. Vint stated that the motto at the City of Phoenix is that its residents are its customers. He remarked that everything that happens at the City of Phoenix must go through the City Manager, even the City Council. Mr. Vint stated that someone at the City of Phoenix is giving direction to not do anything to satisfy the citizens. Chair Brady thanked Mr. Vint.

Chair Brady recognized public comment from Ms. Dianne Barker, a resident of District 7 in Phoenix. Ms. Barker announced that she had been given the honor and taken an oath to serve as a city transit commissioner. She stated that she was going to speak on regional planning. Ms. Barker stated that Maricopa County is out of compliance for many pollutants. She expressed appreciation for the transit pass. Ms. Barker challenged members of the Management Committee to put aside their car keys for one day and use an alternative mode of transportation. She noted that most people indicate they would walk if they were not going to drive. Ms. Barker stated that more than two-thirds of persons with disabilities can get to a bus stop. She noted that buses are the work horses of the transit system; when light rail is shut down, buses pick up passengers. Chair Brady thanked Ms. Barker.

4. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, reported on items of interest to the MAG region. Mr. Smith stated that MAG organized a trade mission to Hermosillo and Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico, on June 3-5, 2015. He noted that MAG staff members Alana Chavez Langdon, Natalia Cuneo, and Kelly Taft did a wonderful job organizing the event. Mr. Smith stated that 40 elected officials, economic development staff, and business representatives took the trip. He expressed appreciation to the sponsors, APS and SRP.

Mr. Smith stated that the Passing of the Gavel ceremony will take place after the Annual Regional Council meeting on June 24, 2015, at the Phoenix Airport Marriott. He noted that 88 reservations have been received so far and urged members to attend.

Mr. Smith stated that the Building an International Economic Network (BIEN) website has reached a milestone 750 business registrations. He noted that a marketing options checklist was at each place. Mr. Smith stated that BIEN is an excellent resource for connecting businesses in Arizona, Canada, and Mexico. He added that participation is at no cost to registrants. Chair Brady thanked Mr. Smith for his report.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chair Brady stated that agenda items #5A, #5B, #5C, #5D, #5E, #5F, #5G, #5H, #5I, #5J, #5K, and #5L were on the Consent Agenda.

Chair Brady recognized public comment from Mr. Pat Vint. He spoke on agenda item #5E by saying that he had never had a problem getting around until recently, but he purchased a golf cart and two scooters. He stated that light rail has turned out to be a disaster. Recently, an accident between light rail and an automobile resulted in Central Avenue being shut down for six to eight hours, which meant that a person could not call for someone to pick them up because of the traffic congestion. Mr. Vint noted that at least a bus could detour its route. He urged members to consider if something works before voting and spending millions of dollars. Mr. Vint spoke of the meeting that day with City of Phoenix staff who told them they could not do anything for them or that they had already done it. He said that the previous two city managers had their salaries raised to more

than \$300,000, then quit, spiked their pensions, and created a disaster. Chair Brady thanked Mr. Vint.

Chair Brady recognized public comment from Mr. Marvin Rochelle, who provided a response to Mr. Vint's comments on light rail accidents. He said that light rail has an emergency contingency plan, developed in 2007, which includes buses coming from both directions to remove passengers in case of a light rail accident. Mr. Rochelle commented on agenda item #5E by saying that many persons with disabilities and challenges move to the Valley because of good weather ten months out of the year. He noted that he has resided in the Valley since 1944 and has seen the population increase from 50,000 to 3,000,000. Mr. Rochelle urged the implementation of a Valleywide Dial-a-Ride system, which was studied in 2007. Dial-a-Ride is needed to get people safely across the Valley without having to make multiple stops. Mr. Rochelle stated that a trip to Chandler would take him four hours currently. Chair Brady thanked Mr. Rochelle.

Chair Brady recognized public comment from Ms. Dianne Barker, who stated that the Phoenix City Council studied demand transit in 1988. She noted that people with disabilities also are able to use mass transit or retrofit their automobiles. Ms. Barker said that she recently was on light rail, which was packed because many passengers were going to a sporting event. She stated that in many cases, the problem with light rail is that a passenger can get closer to a destination riding a bus. Ms. Barker stated that light rail has had a total of 176 accidents since its launch in 2008. Accidents are typically the result of a vehicle turning in front of light rail because it was built down the middle of the street. Ms. Barker expressed support for contracting with on-call consultants in agenda item #5J. She stated that the same 23-year-old plan is being implemented. Ms. Barker challenged members to observe the no-drive days measure. She said that inspiration is needed and her performing cartwheels was to demonstrate that she overcame her disability. Chair Brady thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

Chair Brady asked members if they had questions or requests to hear a presentation on any of the Consent Agenda items. None were noted.

Chair Brady called for a motion to recommend approval of Consent Agenda items #5A, #5B, #5C, #5D, #5E, #5F, #5G, #5H, #5I, #5J, #5K, and #5L.

Mr. Josh Wright moved, Mr. Ed Zuercher seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

5A. Approval of the May 13, 2015, Meeting Minutes

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, approved the May 13, 2015, meeting minutes.

5B. MAG Public Involvement Progress Report

As part of its adopted public involvement process, MAG provides quarterly progress reports on public involvement activities to MAG policy committees for information and to convey input. MAG responds to all of the comments received as appropriate. The MAG public involvement process adheres to all federal requirements under the current federal transportation planning

legislation and is dedicated to providing all of the region's residents and interested parties an opportunity to comment on transportation plans and programs.

5C. Project Changes – Amendments and Administrative Modifications to the Fiscal Year 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and as Appropriate, to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan, Fiscal Year 2015 Arterial Life Cycle Program, and Draft Fiscal Year 2016 Arterial Life Cycle Program

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and as appropriate, to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan, FY 2015 Arterial Life Cycle Program, and draft FY 2016 Arterial Life Cycle Program, contingent on approval of the draft Fiscal Year 2016 Arterial Life Cycle Program. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) were approved by the MAG Regional Council on January 29, 2014. The new requested project changes include highway, highway safety, light rail, roadway, transit, paving, pedestrian, transportation improvements, private development, and bridge projects. Due to requested changes in the Arterial Life Cycle Program, Transit Life Cycle Program, and private development, some of the project changes are dependent on a new finding of conformity. A new finding of conformity for the projects in Tables A, B, and C will be heard through the MAG Committee process. Other general changes to the Regional Freeway and Highway Program, Arterial Life Cycle Program, general highway and transit projects are included in Tables D, E, and F. Table G includes the Federal Transit Administration, Urbanized Area Section 5307, FY 2015 Program of Projects that is included under a separate agenda item. Congress has yet to approve a continuing resolution or a new Surface Transportation Authorization, and consequently the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration cannot determine the final funding amounts for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2015. Based on the federal funding amounts directed to the MAG region for FFY 2015, additional modifications to projects and funding amounts may be needed. On May 28, 2015, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the project changes.

5D. Fiscal Year 2015 Draft Program of Projects and Amendments and Administrative Modifications to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and as Appropriate, to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the Fiscal Year 2015 draft Program of Projects and amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and as appropriate, to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan with the following provisions: 1) If final apportionment is above the currently programmed levels, funds will be utilized to advance future Transit Life Cycle Program (TLCP) replacement bus purchase projects at maximum allowable federal match; 2) The balance of funds that cannot be programmed at the maximum allowable federal match for TLCP buses will be programmed to Preventive Maintenance/ Complementary ADA, per the approved methodology. The Program of Projects (POP) is required by Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to provide an annual listing of transit projects funded by the Section 5307 program to be developed in consultation with interested parties, in coordination with public transportation services providers

and subject to public participation requirements. The draft FY 2015 POP was included in the Public Notification process advertised on May 14, 2015. As stated in the MAG Public Participation Plan, MAG's Transportation Improvement Program process is used to satisfy the public participation process of the POP that is required in U.S.C. §5307. On May 14, 2015, the MAG Transit Committee recommended the revised FY 2015 Program of Projects and program scenario presented based on possible final federal apportionments. On May 28, 2015, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval.

5E. Fiscal Year 2015 Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Transportation Program Recommendation for the Phoenix/Mesa Urbanized Area

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the priority listing of applicants for the FY 2015 FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Transportation Program for the Phoenix/Mesa UZA to be forwarded to the City of Phoenix Public Transit Department based on final apportionments (the projects will be funded based on the rank order), and of the associated amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and as appropriate, to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) provides Section 5310, Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Transportation Program funding, for capital assistance awards. This award program is available to agencies and public bodies that provide transportation services for older adults and people who have a disability. MAG prepares the Section 5310 priority listing of applications for the Phoenix/Mesa Urbanized Area (UZA) which is approved through the MAG committee process, and forwarded to the City of Phoenix Public Transit Department for submission to the FTA. Approximately \$2.9 million is estimated to be available for this year's Section 5310 Phoenix/Mesa Urban UZA, projects. At this time Congress has approved partial apportionment of \$1.9 million. The priority listing takes into consideration the federal requirement of 55 percent of the FTA apportionment for the Phoenix/Mesa UZA, to be awarded to capital and mobility management eligible projects, with 37 percent for New Freedom eligible projects, minus an eight percent administration fee. On April 22, 2015, the MAG Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program Ad Hoc Committee developed a priority listing of Section 5310 Phoenix/Mesa UZA applicants to be forwarded for funding when final FTA apportionments become available. The priority listing of Section 5310 Phoenix/Mesa UZA applicants was recommended to be moved forward by the MAG Transit Committee and the MAG Human Services Technical Committee on May 14, 2015, by the MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee on May 20, 2015, and by the MAG Transportation Review Committee on May 28, 2015.

5F. Proposed Major Amendment to the MAG 2035 Regional Transportation Plan: Add the Central Avenue Light Rail Transit Extension Project from Washington/Jefferson to Baseline Road

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the proposed major amendment to the Regional Transportation Plan to add a five (5) mile light rail transit (LRT) extension on Central Avenue: Washington/Jefferson to Baseline Road and that the Regional Transportation Plan be amended subject to the approval of the air quality conformity analysis which is now complete. This agenda item represents the third step and final action to approve this

project, which is a Major Amendment to the MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The first step was to initiate the RTP Major Amendment Process and request outside consultation as required by state statute. On August 27, 2014, the MAG Regional Council started the Major Amendment process by requesting consultation on the proposed major amendment to the Regional Transportation Plan to add a five (5) mile light rail transit (LRT) extension on Central Avenue: Washington/Jefferson to Baseline Road. The second step was to approve the amendment to the RTP for the required air quality conformity analysis. This final action is for final approval to add the project into the RTP subject to the final approval of the conformity analysis by the Regional Council in June 2015.

5G. Fiscal Year 2015 Avondale Strategic Transportation Safety Plan Consultant Selection

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the selection of Michael Baker Jr., Inc., to develop the Avondale Strategic Transportation Safety Plan, for an amount not to exceed \$125,851. The FY 2015 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2014, was amended by the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee on January 12, 2015, to include a project for developing a Strategic Transportation Safety Plan for the City of Avondale, funded with \$125,851 in federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds. The Arizona Department of Transportation requested that the project be administered by MAG. Qualified consultants from the approved list of MAG Intelligent Transportation Systems and Safety On-Call Consultants were invited to submit proposals in response to a request for proposals for the development of a comprehensive Strategic Transportation Safety Plan for the City of Avondale. Three firms submitted proposals, which were reviewed by a multi-agency evaluation team. The team recommended to MAG the selection of Michael Baker Jr., Inc. On May 26, 2015, the MAG Transportation Safety Committee recommended approval of the selection of Michael Baker Jr., Inc., to develop the Avondale Strategic Transportation Safety Plan, for an amount not to exceed \$125,851.

5H. Revisions to the Arterial Life Cycle Program Policies and Procedures

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the proposed revisions to the Arterial Life Cycle Program Policies and Procedures. The Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) is the financial management tool for the arterial component of the Regional Transportation Plan. The Program is guided by the ALCP Policies and Procedures (Policies), which were last approved by the MAG Regional Council on May 28, 2014. A need to update the Policies was since identified. Proposed changes to the Policies can be grouped into three major categories: (1) detailed procedures when a program deficit or surplus occurs, (2) inclusion of a Project Change Tool to evaluate proposed project changes, and (3) refinements to federal ALCP project match requirements. The proposed changes were developed by the ALCP Working Group over the course of six months and were reviewed by the Managers Working Group on April 29, 2015. On May 28, 2015, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval.

5I. MAG Federal Fund Programming Guidelines and Procedures Update

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the draft Federal Fund Programming Guidelines and Procedures, 2015 Update. At the direction of the Managers Federal Fund Working Group in 2014, the Street Committee, with representatives from other MAG technical committees, has completed revisions and updates to the MAG Federal Fund Programming Guidelines. Included in the packet is a composite version of the draft Federal Fund Programming Guidelines with changes recommended by the MAG Street Committee in March 2015, and includes comments by the MAG Managers Federal Fund Working Group from April 2015. On May 28, 2015, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval. Since the Transportation Review Committee recommended approval, additional minor corrections were incorporated and tinted.

5J. Consultant Selection for the MAG On-Call Consulting Services for Fiscal Year 2016 Air Quality Technical Assistance Request for Qualifications

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the selected list of consultants for the On-Call Consulting Services for FY 2016 Air Quality Technical Assistance, for an amount not to exceed \$100,000, for the following areas of expertise: (1) Air Quality Modeling, (2) Air Quality Monitoring and Meteorology, (3) Analysis of Exceptional Events, (4) Emissions Inventories, (5) Analysis of Control Measures, (6) Implementation and Tracking of Control Measures, (7) Air Quality Plan Preparation, (8) CMAQ Evaluation Methodologies, (9) Transportation Conformity, and (10) Analysis of Greenhouse Gas Requirements and Emissions. The FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2015, includes potential consultant assistance for air quality planning and modeling activities. Consultant services may be needed to assist MAG with supplemental analyses for the Five Percent Plan for PM-10, development of a PM-10 Maintenance Plan, Conformity Analysis, Evaluation of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Projects, New Eight-Hour Ozone Plan, Analysis of Exceptional Events, and development of a Periodic Emissions Inventory. A request for qualifications was advertised on March 26, 2015 for technical assistance in Air Quality Modeling, Air Quality Monitoring and Meteorology, Analysis of Exceptional Events, Emissions Inventories, Analysis of Control Measures, Implementation and Tracking of Control Measures, Air Quality Plan Preparation, CMAQ Evaluation Methodologies, Transportation Conformity, and Analysis of Greenhouse Gas Requirements and Emissions in support of Air Quality Technical Assistance activities at MAG. Fourteen proposals were received by the April 23, 2015 deadline. On May 5, 2015, a multi-agency evaluation team recommended to MAG the firms to be qualified in selected areas of expertise.

5K. New Finding of Conformity for the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and 2035 Regional Transportation Plan, As Amended

The MAG Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the new Finding of Conformity for the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and 2035 Regional Transportation Plan, as amended. On January 29, 2014, the MAG Regional Council approved the



Fiscal Year 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2035 Regional Transportation Plan. An amendment to the TIP and 2035 Regional Transportation Plan is required for Arterial Life Cycle Program projects, various projects for Avondale, Buckeye, Chandler, Fountain Hills, Gilbert, Maricopa (city), Mesa, Peoria, Phoenix, Pinal County, Queen Creek, Scottsdale, and Surprise, and the Valley Metro Rail Tempe Streetcar transit project. The project modifications impact the modeling assumptions used in the most recent conformity analysis and a new regional emissions analysis for the Maricopa and Pinal County nonattainment and maintenance areas was conducted. The results of the regional emissions analysis, when considered together with the TIP and RTP as a whole, indicate that the amendment will not contribute to violations of federal air quality standards. On May 15, 2015, the Maricopa Association of Governments transmitted for consultation a conformity assessment for a proposed amendment to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2035 MAG Regional Transportation Plan. Since that time, new information has been received on Arterial Life Cycle Program projects and on the Valley Metro Rail Tempe Streetcar transit project. On May 22, 2015, MAG transmitted for consultation a complete list of projects in a revised Attachment B. It is important to note that the revised list of projects does not impact the results of the regional emissions analysis previously transmitted for consultation on May 15, 2015. Comments were requested by June 23, 2015.

5L. Conformity Consultation

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment and administrative modification to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and 2035 Regional Transportation Plan. The amendment and administrative modification involve several projects, including changes to miscellaneous projects and the FY 2015 Transit Program of Projects. The amendment includes projects that may be categorized as exempt from conformity determinations. The administrative modification includes minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. Comments were requested by June 23, 2015.

6. Draft Fiscal Year 2016 Arterial Life Cycle Program

Mr. John Bullen, MAG staff, provided a report on the draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP), which is the financial management tool to implement the arterial component of the Regional Transportation Plan. He noted that the program is updated annually with new revenue forecasts and changes to project schedules. Mr. Bullen advised that there are two constraints: 1) Per state statute, the cost cannot exceed available revenues; 2) Per federal statute, the ALCP must show fiscal constraint in the Transportation Improvement Program window. He added that the detailed project listings are included in the material for agenda item #5C.

Mr. Bullen described the process for developing the ALCP. Step one is to update the project work schedules and costs. MAG staff distributes the project workbooks in late January to the Lead Agencies, which provide updated project costs and schedules. Mr. Bullen stated that reimbursements are then adjusted in accordance with updated schedules and the programming

principles. He stated that action by the MAG Street Committee on ALCP project change requests is required by the approved ALCP Policies and Procedures.

Mr. Bullen stated that step two is to update revenue forecasts. He noted that there was a decrease in the revenue forecast for the Regional Area Road Fund (RARF), which is the half-cent sales tax for transportation, of \$11.65 million, or a little over two percent, from last year. Mr. Bullen stated that there was no change in projected federal revenues over last year's forecast, and he added that the federal transportation legislation expires on July 31, 2015.

Mr. Bullen stated that step three is to adjust reimbursements after the revenue information is received. He said that a conservative approach to last year's ALCP mitigated adverse effects of the RARF decrease. He noted that project work schedule deferrals from Phase III to Phase IV created a large fund balance in the near-term, which could be used to advance reimbursements of other projects. Mr. Bullen advised that since there is still a program deficit, the elimination of program bonding and inflation is continued.

Mr. Bullen addressed the draft FY 2016 ALCP fund balance. He said that new revenue projections result in a program deficit of \$18.1 million, however, the program remains in balance from FY 2016 through FY 2022 and no program rebalancing is needed due to the variance of revenues.

Chair Brady thanked Mr. Bullen for his report. No questions from the Committee were noted.

Mr. Patrick Banger moved to recommend approval of the draft FY 2016 Arterial Life Cycle Program. Mr. Carl Swenson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Reprogramming of the MAG Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program Funding

Ms. Teri Kennedy, MAG staff, provided a report on reprogramming Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program funding. She explained that CMAQ is flexible funding suballocated to the MAG region.

Ms. Kennedy stated that programming goals for transit in the MAG region include competing for additional funding on a national basis, solving funding matters from schedule delays and deferrals within each program, demonstrating that additional funds are needed, and ensuring that planning has time for evaluation and proper delivery of projects.

Ms. Kennedy noted that annually, the MAG region transfers approximately \$16 million in CMAQ funding from the highway program to the Transit Life Cycle Program rail projects. She stated that there are five major steps in the process for flexing annual federal funding to transit. Ms. Kennedy advised that until federal grant authorization occurs, federal funds are at risk for rescissions and sweeps. She stated that MAG was notified in late 2014 that it had \$39 million of funding that had been flexed to transit but had not been placed in a grant, leaving the funds at risk.

Ms. Kennedy stated that projects that have received CMAQ fund transfers include the Scottsdale LINK, the Tempe Streetcar, the Capitol/I-10 West Environmental Assessment, the Gilbert Road Light Rail Transit project, the Northwest Light Rail Transit Extension, and the Laveen Park and Ride project (will be part of the South Mountain Freeway bid). She noted that some of these projects had new locally preferred alternatives defined which pushed back their schedules somewhat.

Ms. Kennedy reported on the changes that have been proposed to reprogram the CMAQ funds. She said that work schedules with cash flow for transit projects will be updated in the Transportation Improvement Program. Payback of funding meets the cash flow needs of the project for apportioned federal funding. Savings from the Scottsdale LINK, and Laveen Park and Ride project will be addressed with the Valley Metro Short Range Transit Program.

Chair Brady thanked Ms. Kennedy for her report. No questions from the committee were noted.

Mr. Brian Dalke moved to recommend approval of the reprogramming methodology that includes a loan of \$32.4 million in unobligated CMAQ-Flex funds to the Mesa Drive to Gilbert Road LRT, identified as the Gilbert Road Extension and amendments to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, the draft FY 2016 Arterial Life Cycle Program, and as appropriate, to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan. Mr. Rick Buss seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

8. FY 2015 Road Safety Assessments and Project Assessments at Intersections and Corridors

Mr. Sarath Joshua, MAG staff, reported on Road Safety Assessments (RSAs) and Project Assessments (PAs) at intersections and corridors. He said that the MAG Transportation Safety Committee recommended RSAs as a regional road safety initiative to help identify and address safety issues at high risk intersections. Mr. Joshua explained that for the RSAs, a formal assessment of road safety performance at locations of high crash risk was conducted by a multi disciplinary team composed of a law enforcement officer, a safety planner, a traffic engineer, and a human factors expert. Mr. Joshua stated that PAs develop preliminary (15 percent) design documents required to implement the road modifications recommended by a prior RSA.

Mr. Joshua stated that PAs that meet Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) requirements were added in FY 2014 to help local road safety projects compete for federal road safety funds administered by ADOT. The RSA Program was enhanced in FY 2015 to include transit RSAs that could identify ways to improve the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians in the vicinity of transit stops and light rail stations.

Mr. Joshua stated that eight RSA sites and the development of PAs at two sites have been recommended for approval by the MAG Safety Committee and the MAG Transportation Review Committee based on the response to a MAG call for FY 2015 projects announced in February 2015. The recommendation includes one RSA in the City of Glendale that was recommended in FY 2014 but could not be performed due to road construction activity at the site. Mr. Joshua stated that the estimated cost for all 10 projects is \$370,000 which is included in the MAG Work

Program. He added that all ten projects will be carried out by MAG on-call consultants and completed by December 2015.

Chair Brady thanked Mr. Joshua for his report. No questions from the Committee were noted.

Mr. Ed Zuercher moved to recommend approval of the list of ten projects for performing eight Road Safety Assessments and developing two Project Assessments, including one RSA project in the City of Glendale deferred from the previous year, to be completed with the available funding. Mr. Andrew Ching seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

9. Legislative Update

No report was needed.

10. Election of Officers

Chair Brady stated that each June, the positions of Chair and Vice Chair are elected by the Management Committee. In accordance with the MAG Committee Operating Policies and Procedures, approved by the MAG Regional Council, the Chair works with members to nominate a manager for the Vice Chair position and the current Vice Chair is nominated for the position of Chair. The positions serve one-year terms.

Mr. David Fitzhugh moved to elect Mr. Darryl H. Crossman as Chair of the MAG Management Committee.

Chair Brady asked if the motion could include nominations for both Chair and Vice Chair. Mr. Smith replied that it could.

Mr. Patrick Banger amended the motion to elect Mr. Ed Zuercher as Vice Chair. Mr. Fitzhugh stated his agreement with the amended motion. Mr. Andrew Ching seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Crossman presented outgoing Chair Brady with a plaque that recognized his service as Chair of the Management Committee, 2014-2015. Chair Brady thanked everyone for the recognition.

11. Request for Future Agenda Items

Topics or issues of interest that the Management Committee would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting were requested.

No requests were noted.

12. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity was provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

Chair Brady noted that there would be no MAG Management Committee meeting in July.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary